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Dear Mr. Ciaramella:

This letter is our final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, request, dated April 11, 2013, to the Department of the Treasury. You requested all records and communications regarding the people-to-people license to travel to Cuba issued by the Treasury Department to Shawn Carter, a/k/a J-Z, and Beyoncé Knowles-Carter from January 1, 2012 through April 11, 2013. Treasury referred your FOIA request to the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) for processing.

Please be advised that OFAC has conducted a search of its records and found 32 pages of responsive records. Portions of several pages are exempt from disclosure pursuant to exemptions (b)(4) and (b)(6) of the FOIA.

Provisions of the FOIA allow us to recover part of the cost of complying with your request. In this instance, no fees have been assessed.

You may appeal our final decision, in writing, within 35 days after the date of this letter to the Freedom of Information Act Appeal, Disclosure Services (DO), Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20220. The deciding official for OFAC appeals is the Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control. Please include with your letter of appeal a copy of this response letter. Please reference FOIA case number 2013-04-168 in all future correspondence. Copies of the FOIA and Treasury regulations are available at [www.treasury.gov/foia](http://www.treasury.gov/foia).

The Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) also mediates disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. If you are requesting access to your own records (which is considered a Privacy Act request), you should know that OGIS does not have the authority to handle requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974. If you wish to contact OGIS, you may email them at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov) or call 1-877-684-6448.

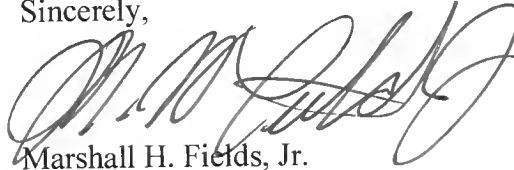
Enclosed are information sheets pertaining to the FOIA exemptions and your right to administrative appeal.

Mr. Ciaramella

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If you need to contact our office about this matter, please email [OFACFOIAOffice@treasury.gov](mailto:OFACFOIAOffice@treasury.gov) or call our FOIA Requester Service Center at (202) 622-2500, option 3. Please reference FOIA No. 2013-04-168 in all communications.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. H. Fields, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Marshall H. Fields, Jr.

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Enclosures:

1. Exemptions under the FOIA
2. Administrative Appeal Rights
3. Responsive Documents (32 pages)

# **FOIA**

# **Exemptions**

## Definitions of the Exemptions Under the Freedom of Information Act – 5 U.S.C. § 552

### EXEMPTIONS

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b), the Freedom of Information Act does not apply to matters that are –

- (1)(A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive Order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified under such Executive Order;
- (2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute, provided that such statute;
  - (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public so as to leave no discretion on the issue, or
  - (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular kinds of matters to be withheld;
- (4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (5) inter-agency or intra-agency memoranda or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which constitutes a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purpose, but only to the extent that the production of such records or information
  - (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings,
  - (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or impartial adjudication,
  - (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy,
  - (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source, including a state, local or foreign agency or authority, or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of a record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source,
  - (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosures could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or
  - (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (8) contained in or related to examination, operating or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

# Appeal Rights

## **ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL**

You may file an appeal with the Department of the Treasury when:

- Access to records has been denied in part or in whole;
- There has been an adverse determination of your requestor category;
- Your request for fee waiver or reduction has been denied;
- It has been determined that no responsive records exist; or
- Your request for expedited processing has been denied.

Your appeal, other than an appeal of a denial for expedited processing, must be submitted within 35 days after (1) the date of the initial determination, or (2) the date of the letter transmitting the last records released, whichever is later, except in the case of a denial of expedited processing. An appeal of a denial for expedited processing must be made within 10 days of the date of the initial determination to deny expedited processing. The appeal must be in writing, signed by you or your representative, and contain the following information:

- Your name and address;
- Date of your initial request;
- Date of the letter denying your request;
- Description of why you believe the initial determination was in error; and
- The FOIA/PA number assigned to your request.

Please mail your appeal to: Freedom of Information Act Appeal  
Disclosure Services, DO  
1500 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D.C. 20220

The deciding official on your appeal will be the Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.